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## Digest of Soviet Press Will Move From Columbia

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The Current Digest of the Soviet Press, a weekly translation journal published for the benefit of American scholars, is moving from Columbia University to the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus on June 15.

Since it was founded 20 years ago, the publication has been a meeting place and helpful source of information for countless students of Soviet affairs, first at its offices on 117th Street and since 1968 at a converted mansion at 351 Riverside Drive.

### Many Offers Received

In announcing the move, Leo Grulow, editor of the magazine, said Columbia University notified him last December that expanding departments would

require the space now occupied by his staff of 18 persons.

"At first we were all pretty shocked," Mr. Grulow said in an interview. "But then we had so many offers—including invitations from Tufts University, Harvard and M.I.T.—that suggested our work is still appreciated. Finally we accepted to go to Ohio State University, which is expanding its international studies program and will give us an entire building."

Marshall D. Shulman, director of Columbia University's Russian Institute and professor of government, said he felt "great personal regret" over the departure of the Current Digest from the campus. But he said:

"Columbia helped them get started and I think it's a healthy thing that the burden should now be shared by other aca-

demic institutions. Of course, the magazine will continue to be available to our faculty and students as a useful source material on Soviet studies."

But some scholars in Soviet studies saw the move as reflecting a lessening of interest in Soviet affairs that was not confined to Columbia University. It was noted that a House Appropriations subcommittee had just cut off funds for a monthly index of Soviet books and periodicals that had been published by the Library of Congress.

### Established in 1949

The Current Digest, which consists entirely of translations without comment or interpretation, was established in 1949 under the Joint Committee on Slavic Studies, representing two scientific federations—the

American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council.

At Ohio State, the periodical will be sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, a professional group that recently transferred its headquarters from the University of Illinois to Ohio State.

The magazine, designed as an aid for scholarly research, contains selections of significant articles culled from about 60 Soviet newspapers and magazines. It has a circulation of 1,500 and its subscription rate is \$200 a year.

At Ohio State, Mr. Grulow plans to expand a new venture, Current Abstracts, a monthly edition of the Digest that has a yearly subscription rate of \$15.